

Sangamon Valley LEPC

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AGENDA

May 15, 2014
8:30 AM
Athens City Hall
210 Dottie Bednanko Dr.
Athens, IL 62613

Meeting Called to Order by David Butt, Chairman

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (03/20/2014)

Self-introductions: Recognition of LEPC Members and Welcome to Visitors

Old Business

Annual Review of Comprehensive Emergency Response Plan for Menard County

Filing of 2013 Tier 2 Reports

152 Received (100%?)

IDOT Facilities already deactivated

Chlorine Sites including Athens Water Plant

Hazardous Material Emergency Planning Grant (FFY2014 and FFY2015)

Site Specific Planning Project (Project 1)

Verify Completed Plans against Tier 2 Data

Complete New Plans for Chlorine Sites

Railroad Commodity Flow Study (Project 2)

Winnebago Co. LEPC Conference / April 16-17, Rockford

Presentation by the SERC

Comprehensive Table Top Exercise

Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment

New Business

Meeting Schedule for Next Year (7/17/14, 9/18/14, 11/20/14, 1/15/15, 3/19/15, 5/21/15)

Walk to Defeat ALS on June 7

Chief Matt Helms Memorial Scholarship Golf Outing on October 3

Other Business

Other business old or new

Public comment

Next meeting: July 17, 2014, at OEM Building

Motion to adjourn

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MINUTES OF THE SANGAMON VALLEY LEPC MEETING – May 15, 2014

Call to Order - The Chair, David Butt, called the meeting to order at 8:35 am, at the Athens City Hall, 210 Dottie Bednarko Drive, Athens IL 62613.

There was a quorum with 17 members present: David Butt, Sangamon County OEM; Joe Crowe, Athens - Fancy Prairie Fire Dept.; Roger Cruse, Ameren Illinois; Glenn Fisher, American Red Cross; Tracy Garrison, Sangamon County GIS; Larry Graf, Menard County EMS; Stephanie Howard, Memorial Medical Center; Tim Krell, Sangamon County Board; Jason LeMar, Menard County GIS; Mike Lopez, Sangamon County 9-1-1; Mike Moos, Sherman EMA; Chris Richmond, Springfield Fire Department; Jim Strutz, IL Water & Waste Water Association; Linda Swartz, Community Member; Laura Valente, IL Air National Guard (IANG); Diana Wade, Sangamon County Department of Public Health; and Linda Wheeland, Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission.

Approvals of the Minutes - Minutes from the previous LEPC meeting were distributed via e-mail prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Mike Lopez, seconded by Joe Crowe and approved unanimously to accept the minutes from March 20, 2014.

Introductions - Self-introductions were made. Three visitors were present: Tyler Britton, Petersburg Fire Department, and Lori Canterbury and Deb Watts, IL Emergency Management Agency (IEMA). All were welcomed.

Old Business

Annual Review of Comprehensive Emergency Response Plan for Menard County – The entire plan for Menard County with highlighted updates recommended by the Chair and Larry Graf was distributed by e-mail ahead of the meeting. The Chair discussed changes appearing on 13 of the 20 pages in the plan. Notably, a sixth fire department was formed in Menard County and 2 water plants filed their initial Tier 2 Reports in the past year. Finally, IEMA released a new Emergency Notification Fact Sheet in January, which is presented on the plan's last page. A motion was made by Tim Krell, seconded by Glenn Fisher and approved unanimously to accept the updated plan as presented. A new Comprehensive Emergency Response Plan for Menard County, dated May 15, 2014, will be distributed to all members with these minutes and then be distributed to all fire departments in Menard County, IEMA Region 6 and the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC).

Filing of Tier 2 Reports – As stated in our last minutes, we received 152 Tier 2 Reports (137 for Sangamon and 15 for Menard). Early in April, 3 sites with reports filed by IL Department of Transportation (DOT) were inactivated, based on their staff attorney's perspective that road treating chemicals were not required to be reported. The updated plan approved today for Menard County shows 14 active sites in recognition of the Athens and Greenview water plants. Larry Graf specifically invited the Athens plant manager for this meeting, but he has not joined us. We are always on the look-out for new sites that need to file, but have not.

Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant (HMEP) – The SERC distributes HMEP funds a year after they are authorized. We are currently participating in the FFY2013 grant. The application package for the FFY2014 grant arrived on Tuesday. Our current grant recognizes that we are working on a site specific planning project (Project 1). The Chair discussed 2 actions with the committee: hire an independent contractor at \$25/hour to compare our completed plans against Tier 2 data and hire a different independent contractor at the rate of \$210 per plan plus the state rate for mileage to prepare new plans for the 9 Chlorine sites which we convinced to file their initial Tier 2 Reports. On the first action, a motion was made by Mike Moos, seconded by Mike Lopez and discussed by the committee. The rate of \$25/hour has been suggested based on an inquiry with Logan County LEPC, who has paid a contractor a similar amount for planning. The committee chose not to identify a limit on this contractor's hours based the amount of content in our completed plans and the nature of pursuing parties to obtain information updates. The motion for the first action carried unanimously. On the second action, a motion was made by Chris Richmond, seconded by Jim Strutz and discussed by the committee. At our last meeting, the committee heard from Mike Crews how Christian County EMA was allowing him to offer his agency as a contractor for LEPC planning activity. This has worked well for Christian County LEPC and a couple other LEPCs in IEMA Region 6. The rate we would offer is equal to the amount for new plans that was in our last contract with Matt Helms. The motion for the second action carried unanimously.

Project 1 is the center piece of our LEPC activity, but the Chair reminded the committee of conversations that we have had at earlier meetings about concerns that the HMEP grantor, USDOT, may seek reports on LEPC activity that focuses directly on transportation issues. For this reason, the Chair discussed a third action of initiating a railroad commodity flow study and amending our current HMEP grant application to add this as Project 2. On the third action, a motion was made by Mike Moos, seconded by Chris Richmond and discussed by the committee. Thru Linda Wheeland, the LEPC discovered Circular No. OT-55-N of the Association of American Railroads that specifically sets forth for member railroads to assist LEPCs in assessing the hazardous materials moving thru their communities by providing commodity flow information covering at a minimum the top 25 hazardous commodities transported thru the community in rank order. Reports of this nature that the IANG had received and shared with the Chair from Norfolk Southern and Union Pacific were circulated for committee members to review. These related to a Dept. of Defense-mandated nationwide base vulnerability assessment. It is permissible for IANG to share them with "bona fide emergency planning and response organizations". The Chair collected these documents at the end of the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. Mike Moos told of a presentation he saw about a railroad commodity flow study that Stephenson County conducted at Freeport. It was quite involved, having volunteers actually film all passing trains on 4 different weeks across a year and then discerning placards by reviewing the images in slow motion. Mike suggested that we could look at a similar project in future years if we find cooperation from railroads to be lacking as we seek details on commodity flows. The Chair shared information that Lori brought from the SERC about an Emergency Order by USDOT about crude oil transportation in unit trains and said that this new mandate may change how railroads would view our inquiries. However, we will be using the Transportation Community Awareness and Emergency Response (TransCAER®) program for contacting railroads and it has had many past successes. Roger Cruse related a program that Macon County LEPC had utilized based on TransCAER®. Others were familiar with local fire departments having used that TransCAER® program.

Winnebago County LEPC Conference – Larry and the Chair attended the Winnebago County LEPC Conference on April 16 & 17. Kevin Sledge and Lori gave SERC presentations. Rockford Fire Department (RFD) gave the best presentation of the conference on an Anhydrous Ammonia release at a fertilizer plant caused by a transport vehicle. The Chair has RFD's Power Point slides and has asked for permission to present them at our September LEPC meeting. The Thursday afternoon session of the conference was devoted to a comprehensive tabletop exercise (TTX). The scenario for the TTX was a June 2013 explosion and fire at a chemical plant outside a small town in Winnebago County. This plant manufactured Hexachlorodisilane, but the presence of Chlorine on the premises was a top concern for the first responders. We teamed with 3 people from Jo Davies County LEPC to address the scenario, testing our comprehensive emergency response plan. We also drew parallels with the 2004 explosion and fire at the Formosa Plastics plant near Illiopolis.

Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA) – IEMA Region 6 has helped us arrange for Darryl Dragoo to facilitate a HIRA for Sangamon and Menard Counties as a discussion-based activity at our next meeting in July. The breadth of the LEPC's membership will allow us to have a broad perspective of the hazards we face and our vulnerability to them. LEPC members can bring one cohort from their organization to the meeting.

New Business

Meeting Schedule for Next Year – The Chair offered dates of 07/17/14, 09/18/14, 11/20/14, 01/15/15, 03/19/15 and 05/21/15 for next year's meeting dates. These dates continue to have us meet on the third Thursday of an odd month. A motion was made by Joe Crowe, seconded by Mile Lopez and approved unanimously to accept the third Thursday of July, September, November, January, March and May for next year's meetings. Both the July and September meetings will be at the OEM Building. We also intend to again return to Athens for next year's May meeting.

Walk to Defeat ALS for Matt Helms on June 7 – Terri Muñoz-Helms is taking pledges in Matt's memory for the ALS Walk at: https://secure2.convio.net/alsa/site/Donation2.jsessionid=3C025D5E00B95B1D539819BE35DFDC6F.app277b?idb=336868159&df_id=28741&FR_ID=9871&PROXY_ID=3721143&PROXY_TYPE=20&28741.donation=form1#U3pUyiKPLcs. Pat Metz brought this information to the Chair. Pat's cell number is 836-5355, if you have questions about how to contribute.

Chief Matt Helms Memorial Scholarship Golf Outing on October 3 – Eric Helms is establishing a scholarship fund for Lincoln Land Community College students in the Fire Science Program. The Chair received information as the agenda for this meeting was being written and will distribute a flyer to the committee.

Other Business

Public Comments – There was none.

Meeting Closure – The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for 8:30 am, July 17, 2014, at the OEM Building in Springfield. It will be a discussion-based activity to conduct a HIRA for Sangamon and Menard Counties. With no further business to be considered, a motion was made by Mike Moos, seconded by Chris Richmond and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 am.